#### Social and Personal.

The wedding of Miss Lucy Waller Duval, the granddaughter of Mrs. El.za M. Duval, of No. 301 East Franklin Street, to Mr. P. Lightfoot Wormeley, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lightfoot Wormeley, of No. 8 North Second Street, was celebrated June 16th in Grace Episcopal Church, Fluvanna county, the Rev. Landon R. Mason, of Grace Episcopal Church, this city, officiating.

Duplan—Massie.

Dunlap—Massic.

Invitations have been received in Richmond from Mr. and Mrs. Bland Massic for the marriage of their daughter, Josephine, to Dr. William Vernon Dunlap, the ceremony to take place Tuesday, June 28th, at noon, in Grace Church, Massic's Mill. Va.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of State Senator Massic, of Nelson county, and has many friends in Richmond, where she is most pleasantly known.

Patterson—Byers. Dunlap-Massie.

Patterson-Byers. Mr. and Mrs Robert C. Byers, of the county, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lelia Bird, to Mr. J. Frank Patterson, of Vaynesboro. The ceremony will take place Tuesday even.ng, June 21st, at 8:30 o'clock, in "Old Stone Church" at Fort

Ney-Frank.

Ney-Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frank, of No. 2005
Eutaw Place, Baltimore, have issued invitations for the marriage of their
daughter, Miss Berdle Frank, to Mr. Albert H. Ney, of Harrisonburg, The wedding will take place on June 22d at Lehmann's Hall. Hesser-Williams.

Hesser—Williams.

The Rev. and Mrs. James T. Williams have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter. Mary Elizabeth, to Rev. Claude Mitchell Hesser, the ceremony to take place Wednesday afternoon, June 22d, at 5 o'clock, at their home, in Romney, W. Val Miss Williams is a most charming young lady and has many friends in Virginia, made while her father was pastor of the Methodist Church in Staunton.

Winner of Dames' Medal. Winner of Dames' Medal.

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Mr. Robert Henning Webb, of Suffolk,
Va., who has just won his M. A. degree
at the University of Virginia and been
appointed instructor in Latin at that
institution for the coming year, is also
the winner of the Colonial Dames' prize
for the best essay on colonial history,
his subject being "Witchcraft in Virginia."

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Mr. Webb was prepared for college at the Suffolk High School. In 1901 he was a B. A. student with first honors and a fellowship at Hampden-Sidney College, where in 1902 he took the M. A. degree. At the University of Virginia in 1903 he received the highest honor in Latin, the "senior medal," graduating in Latin and German and a fellowship; and in 1904 graduation in Greek, English literature and French, with the master's degree.

The Colonial Dames' prize is one hundred dollars and carries high honors with it.

Miss Mitchell at West End.

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Miss Doza Mitchell, the sweet singer of Grove Avenue Baptist Church choir. gave the pupils of West End school a rich treat last Friday evening.

Miss Mitchell came to the school and sang several beautiful numbers before about five hundred pupils.

Bome of her selections were: "Nearer. My God to Thee," "Abide With Me," "Dixio." "The Star Spangled Banner," "Flog Gently, Sweet Afton," "The Bonnie Blue Flag" and "The Sewance River." The children were delighted with Miss Mitchell's singing.

Mrs. Albert Ritchie Here.

The Baltimore Sun of June 17th says:
Mrs. Albert Ritchie is in Richmond, Va.
Mrs. Ritchie, before her marriage to the
late Judge Albert Ritchie, of Baltimore,
was the famous Richmond and Virginia
beauty, a brilliant White Sulphur Springs
belle, and was considered one of the
lovellest women in the South Mrs.
Ritchie is the sister of Mrs. John Lottler
and of Messrs. H. L. and J. Caskie Cabell.
Mr. and Mrs. James Here Mr. and Mrs. James Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne James, of Bal-fimore, are at No. 215 East Franklin Street. Mr. James being in charge of engineering work on the Atlantic Coast Line Rallway in the vicinity of Rich-mond.

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moselay Walker, little daughter and nurse left yesterday for Blowing Rock,  $K_{\lambda}$ C, where they will occupy their cottage until the autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Munford and family have gone to Bennington Center, Vermont, for the summer, Mrs. Munford will go from Bennington to Harvard for the graduating exercises, when her nephew, Mr. Russell Bowle, will take his M. A. degree.

The moonlight excursion under the au-spices of the Ladlea' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church has been postponed because of the rain. Tickets sold are good for a date to be announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gills will sum-mer at Commodore Gills's cottage, in the Catskills. They will not leave Richmond

Mrs. Henry S. Harwoode will go for aris, Henry S. Harwoode will go for a visit to her family, in the Northern Neck of Virginia. Afterwards she will visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Culpeper, in Portsmouth. A visit to the World's Fair, in St. Louis, will complete her summer outling.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hancock and baby have gone to Bon Air, where they will be with Mrs. Percy Montague, in the Crenshaw cottage. Mrs. Montague's the Crenshaw cottage. Mrs. Montague's pleasant household also includes Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Woodson and Miss Fran-

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Scherer, who left Monday last for Marion, are now in St. Louis, to take in the wonders of the World's Fair.

. . . Dr. R. D. Garland, of this city, has been delivering addresses on State mis-sion work in the First Baptist Church of Winchester, Va.

Mr. G. F. Lucado, of Lyschburg, Va.,

#### SULPHU R NATURE'S GREATEST

GERMICIDE. A Freer Use of It Would Save Doctors

Bills.

Greater healing power can be had in the privacy of the home by using Hanceck's Liquid Sulphur in the hath than by journeying to the most famous sulphur purings.

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Liquid Sulphur cures dandruff, eczena, pimples, sair rheum, itch, hives, erysipelas, and all open sores. It is mature's greatest germicide. Write to Hancock Liquid Sulphur Company, Baltimore, Md., for free booklet, or ask your drugsts. for free booklet, or ask your druggist for Hancock's Liquid Sulphur,

#### POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

Whatever your acquisation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fall to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 214.

## THE TIGER.

BY BLAKE.

William Blake was born in London, November 28, 1757; died thero August 12. He was the son of a hosier. When it years old he was apprenticed to an engramade drawings and engravings for a livelihood, took for a wife a woman who coneither read nor write, taught her until she became a skilful artist, and was very py with her during the 45 years of their wedded life. In 1788, in order to libus own poems, he invented a color engraving process, which he believed was reve to him by Joseph of Nazareth. For forty years he made a living by the sale of lilustrated poems. One of his fancies was to call up from the dead, as it were, spand paint their portraits. In that way he produced "The Man Who Bullt the Pulled" and "Nobuchadnezsar Ealing Grass." Some of his poems are so welrd and relical that they give the impression that he was hulf mad. Speaking of him as an tist, Fiaxman sald: "The time will come when the finest of Blake's designs will as much sought for and treasured up as those of Michael Angelo."



TIGER! Tiger! burning bright, In the forest of the night: What immortal hand or eve Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

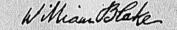
In what distant deeps or skies Burned the fire of thine eyes? On what wings dare he aspire? What the hand dare seize the fire?

And that shoulder, and what art, Could tavist the sinews of thine heart? And when thy heart began to beat, What dread hand? and what dread feet?

What the hammer, what the chain? In what furnace was thy brain? What the anvil? what dread grasp Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars throw down their spears, And watered heaven with their tears, Did he smile his work to see? Did He, who made the Lamb, make thee?

Tiger! Tiger! burning bright, In the forests of the night, What immortal hand or eye Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?



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CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT. You Will Want to Read this Story

WITH EDGED TOOLS.

BY HENRY SETON MERRIMAN.

who has been very ill in Richmond, left cline in Richmond this summer wednesday for home, accompanied by his entering upon the practice of his

Miss Mattle Treadway, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nannie Treadway, of South Boston, Ya., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Treadway, of Dan-

Mrs. Scriven, of Savannsh, Ga., a near relative of the noted Confederate, Admiral Buchanan, who commanded the ram Tennessee in the battle of Mobile Bay, and had a leg shot off there, is the guest of Mrs. Holmes Conrad, of Winchester, Va.

Miss Mattle Duncan Weisiger, the Miss Mattle Duncan Wessger, the dadughter of Mr. as Mrs. Ryland Ran-dolph Welsiger, of Powhatan, will be married to Mr. Edward Jackson, of West-moreland county, on June 23d, in Grace Episcopal Church. Powhatan

entering upon the practice of his profe

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, June 17.—Smart people in Washington and Virginia were interested to-day in the wedding of Miss Edith M. Brown, the daughter of the late William R. Brown and the granddaughter of the first public printer, the late Robert Waters, to Mr. Francis Joseph Mulhall,

Waters, to Mr. Francis Joseph Mulhall, also of Washington, D. C.

The marriage service was celebrated with a nuptal mass in St. Stephen's Catholio Church, the sanctuary of which was filled with the Rev. W. S. Caughey, the paster of the church; the Revs. Gibbons Smyth, David Williams, Reed Mullan, William E. Ennis, M. Gaynor and others of Glyndon, Md.

Te br de were white with trimmings of old lace bequeathed uer by her grandmotter, Mrs. Robert Waters.

The ceremony was followed by a wedding breakfast in the home of he bride on H Street and by a wedding trip to Atlantic City.

#### WASHINGTON WEDDINGS.

in the Physpines. The order will take effect next December.

#### SMART SET AT RACES.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, June Tr.-Society did itself proud when it turined out in conching and automobile parties to witness the races of the Concy Island Jockey Clib at Sheepshead Bay. The gowning was something m gnificent, and the interest was unusually lively.

Irish Lad lost the day and Hermis broke the record and broke hearts and purses besides, but society drank its champagine, and its pate do fole gras and was attisfied.

The news comes from Switzerland that Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, who is touring that country with his wife and a party of American friends, was compelled recently to dine at the village inn of Carrogue, a small Swiss town on the road to Causanne, while his automobile the was being repaired.

The novel experence proved very agreea and Mr. Vanderbilt and his friends enjoyed the wild strawberries which were served to them.

Pic poonles decorated the Unitarian Church at Lancaster, Mass., last Thursday, when Miss Anna Thayer was married to Mr. Will am S. Patton, of Wellesirly, The old-fashloned pulpit was lavisity twined with smilax and pink orchids.

The bride was respiendent in duchesse satin and rare point lace. Her veil was fastoned wth orange blossoms and her bouquet was of white orchids.

Her bridewall strawberries when were fastened was of white orchids.

Her bridewall supplied the picketing on pink taffeta frocks, with pink chilfon hats garianded with roses and illacs.

The bride's only ornament was a superb merale and diamond pendant given her

chilfon hate garlanded with roses and illacs.

The bride's only ornament was a superb emerald and diamond pendant given her by the groom.

Newport society is occupying itself in not ng the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Rob rt Goolet, who are spending a part of their honeymoon in their Newport villa, are disposing of their time.

The young couple are not expected to receive and are quite happy to ride, drive and do just as they please.

#### GOVERNOR AWAY.

#### To Make Speeches and Return

to the City Monday. Governor Montague left yesterday Norfolk, where last night he spoke at the 00th commencement of the Norfolk

He will address the State Bankers' As He will address the State Bankers' Association at Cid Point to-day, and will return here on Monday. It is expected that Els Excellency will be quite busy betwen now and the meeting of the St. Louis Convention, as in the meanwhile he will have his offices removed and get his affairs in good shape before leaving for the West. The Governor will not the return the state of the state for the West. The Governor will not hurry himself on this trip, and will probgo to the great Exposition while

#### TOBACCO MARKET.

Week Was Uneventful One, But Prices Continue Good.

An uneventful week on the tobacco market closed yesterday. Receipts have been light, the breaks very insignificant and the offerings on 'Change compara-tively small. Prices, however, have held

tively small. Prices, however, have held up in fine style.

Shelburne's Warehouse sold about one hundred packages on 'Change during the week. One lot of Carolina tobacco be-lenging to Charles Martin brought an average of \$23.50. The packages sold as follows: No. 1, \$27, No. 2, \$22.50; No. 3, \$25; No. 4, \$22.60; No. 5, \$21.

#### CHEATHAM WAS FINED.

Justice John's Docket Was of Little Interest Yesterday.

Justice John had a short docket yes-rday morning, with only a case or two

worth mentioning.

J. D. Cheatham, the young man charged with reprohensible conduct toward some ladies, was fined \$50 and put under se-

ladies, was fined \$50 and put under security for six months.

The two young men, Hutzler and Eacho, who engaged in a little set-to at the Southern depot on Wednesday night, were each assessed \$5 and costs. There were no marks of violence on either of them. The other cases were mere drunks and slight disorderlies. Each was attended to in the usual way.

The highest honors ever awarded by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute have been awarded Mr J. Thompson Neely, the son of Mrs. Elzabeth R. Neely, of Portsmouth, and a member of this year's post-graduate class.

Mr. Albert Johnson, the son of Mr. Johnson, of Alexandria, Va., and Mr. Lynn Armstrong, the son of Mr. A. J. Armstrong, of Culpeper, have been appointed as cadets to the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, by Congressman Rixey, of Virginia.

Dr. Harry Wall, of Winchester, an M. D. in the class of 1904 at the University of Virginia, will coach the base-ball team of the University College of Medi-

The great African moon rose in the

They were peaceful, timorous

manhood seemed to have

# June Bargain Specials

Throughout the Stocks Make To-Day a Long-to-Be-Remembered Bargain Saturday.

Never have the unequalled Apparelling Opportunities of this Great Outfitting Establishment shown so lustrously and self-demonstrative as to-day. Every department fairly bristles with unparalleled Bargain Offerings that must appeal to every discerning Buyer at sight, the universally recognized High Quality Standards of everything sold here lending astounding bargain import to such remarkably low price charges.

THE JUNE BARGAIN SPECIAL CUT PRICE OF REGULAR \$12.50 AND \$13.50 SUITS—Strictly pure wool Navy Blue Serges, absolutely fadeless color, and elegant fancy Worsteds, Tweeds and Chovlots in

\$15.00 THE JUNE BARGAIN SPECIAL PRICE OF MEN'S SWELLEST FASHION SUITS, the very cream and most settled. Tweeds and Soctenes in noblest and exclusive fancy patterns or navy blues and blacks—all strictly hand-tailored in the very swellest fashion—Double or Single-Breasted Sack styles and in every respect equal Single-Breasted Sack styles and in every respect equal to costllest made-to-order garments—they would be \$22.50 and \$25 under ordinary trading conditions—through bene-

\$10.00 THE JUNE BARGAIN SPECIAL CUT PRICE OF REGULAR \$15 AND \$18.50 SUITS—high-grade imported Worsteds, Tweeds and Cassimeres in swellest pattern effects of broken plaids and mixtures—and elegant Blue Serges and Black Unfinished Worsteds—also fine quality Summer Outing Suits of French Flannels, Scotch Homespuns, Tweeds and Worsteds—All cut in the very swellest Single or Double-Breasted styles and superbly fallored—actual

\$12.50 THE JUNE BARGAIN SPECIAL CUIT PRICE OF REGULAR \$18 AND \$20 SUITS—all hand tailored, of very costly English Worsteds, Scotch Tweeds and Cheviots, in several as solid blacks and blues—Suits that rival costly made-to-order garments in every point of style, workmanship, fabrics and trimmings and represent the best selling numbers of regular \$18 and \$20 grades—to clear the broken lines, cut to.

## June Clearance Specials in the Boys' Department-

A Bargain Event Which Will Again Flood This Department With Overwhelming Crowds.

Unrestricted choice of Suits that were \$4 and \$4.50, Suits, Saller Norfolk, Plain Norfolk, Eton Collar Blouse Suits, Buster Brown Suits—positively \$4 and \$4.50 values—choice......... including Navy Blue Serge Suits

Unrestricted choice of High-Grade Suits that were Unrestricted choice of High-Grade Suits that were \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50. Including Staple Blue Serges, Black Unfinished Worsteds, as well as Novelty Plaids and Mixtures—Every conceivable shape, in all the latest novelties—positively not a ticket changed—Every garment a \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50 value—choice.....

The fault is all your own if you miss this wonderful Bargain opportunity awaiting you in the Boys' Department.

# BURK & CO., East Main Street.

### WILL PROBABLY GO ON GRACE STREET

Capital Offices Being Secured for the Repairing Period.

Much interest has been felt for a long offices of Governor Montague and other offices of Governor Montague and other shares, sprubbing, sordid life, which the repairs and renovation of the And strange delight in business cares. which the repairs and renovation of the Capitol will be in progress, and the Governor and others have found great Governor and others have found great difficulty in securing suitable quarters. One of the latest places considered by His Excellency is the Rosenbaum house on Grace Street, between Sixth and Seventh, and it is likely that this will be finally decided upon, and the contract closed in a few days. The building is a roomy one, and contains ample quarters for the offices of the Governor and Secretary of the Commonwealth, who desire to be in close touch with one another. to be in close touch with one another. This house is on the square with the

the contract is closed, as work will shortly begin on the Capitol building. It is quite certain that Colonel Richardson

will secure quarters in the City Hall. The Vacation Habit. I have never been the advocate of what some term "the vacation habit." I think it is the outgrowth of abnormal or dis-torted business methods.—Russell Sage, in "The Independent."

time as to the probable location of the We do not grudge you. Russell Sage, Your stocks and bonds and railroad

The hours confined at office desk Have been to you life's only bliss; You cannot see through miser's eyes A higher destiny than this.

But leave to us the modest prize
A year of faithful service yields—
The two weeks' touch with God's greet
things.
The breath of life from country fields.
—Town Topics.

Truthful Figures. The electric railroads last year carried three times the population of the world.

keeping up with the mental prog the age.

His evebrows were drawn down, as if the process of storing up eyesight for his old age was somewhat laborious. At times he turned and glanced over his shoulder impatiently at the lamp.

shoulder impatiently at the amp.

The room was very still in its solid, old-fashloned luxury. Although it was June, a small wood-fire burned in the grate, and the hiss of a plece of dump bark was the only sound within the four walls. From without, through the thick curtains, came at intervals the rumble of distant wheels. But it was just be-tween times, and the fashionable world was at its dliner. Sir John had finished his, not because he dined earlier than the rest of the world—he could not have done that—but because a man dining

shoulder impatiently at the lamp.

done that—but because a man dining himself, with a butter and a footman to wait upon him, does not take very long over his meals. ) He was in full evening dress, of course, built up by his tailor, bewigged, perfunded, and cunningly aided by tollet-table decentions. ed, and cu deceptions.

At times his weary old eyes wandered from the printed page to the smouldering fre. Where a whole volume seemed to be written—it took so long to read. Ther, he would pull himself together, glance at the lamp, readjust the eyespasses, and plunge resolutely into the book. He did not always rere scientific books. He had a taste for travel and adventure—the Arctic regions, Asia, Siadventure—the Arctic regions, Asia, Silectia, and Africa—but Africa was all locked away in a lower drawer of the writing-table. He did not care for the servants to meddle with his books, he told himself. He did not tell anybody that he did not care to let the servants are the wreading his books of travel in see him reading his books of travel in Africa. There was nothing dismal or

about this old man, sitting in evening dress in a high-backed chair, stiffly reading a scientific book of the modern. reading a scientific book of the modern cheap science tenor—not written for scientists, but to step in when the brain is weary of novels and afraid of communing with itself. Oh no! A gentleman need never be dull. He has his necessary occupations. If he is a man of intellect he need never he idle. It is an occupation to keep up with the times. Sometimes after dinner, while drinking his perfectly-made black coffee, Sir John would idly turn over the invitation cards on the mantel-piece—the carriage was always in readiness—but of late the invitations had not proved very tempting. There was no doubt that society was not what it used to be. The summer was not what it

used to be. The summer was not what it used to be, either. The evenings were at confoundedly cold. So he often stayed at home and read a book.

The cars ran three times the distance between the earth and sun. The capital invested is twice as much as the United States bonded debt, and the gross earnings are \$250,00,000. Taxes are paid amounting to \$13,000,000.

Hadn't Heard It. Along with the unusual number of calma'es this year comes a short cantalupe crop for Virginia.—Newport News Press.

# C. & 0

Commencing Next Sunday, June 19th, Newport News passengers returning will leave Newport News 8:10 P. M., instead of 5:25 P. M. Nine and a half hours at Newport News. \$1.00 Round Trip. Every Sunday.

THE WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, IS VIA THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY THROUGH THE "LAND OF THE SKY." FROM RICHMOND TO ST. LOUIS WITHOUT A CHANGE OF TRAINS.

THE MOST ATTRACTIVE ROUTE TO

The Southern Railway has on sale at Richmond, and all stations on its lines, very low rate excursion tickets to St. Louis, Mo., account the World's Fair. Louis, Mo., account the World's Fair. These tickets embrace stop over privileges between Salisbury and Morristown, which includes the famous mountain section of Western North Carolina, Asheville, Hot Springs and "The Lund of the Sky." Elegant day coaches, through Pullmans, and dining car service of the highest standard of excellence.

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COACH EXCURSION TO ST. LOUIS

\$16 ROUND TRIP

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY IN

JUNE VIA C. & O. ROUTE.

On cach Tuesday and Thursday durink the month of June the Chesapeake and Ohio will sell special ton day couch oxcursion tickets to St. Louis at \$16 round trip.

Fast vestibuled trains leave Richmond 2:00 1° M. and 10:50 P. M.

Tickets to St. Louis and return. good for fifteen days, \$21,50; sixty days, \$26, and season tickets, \$31.20.

Shortest, quickest and best route with thorough accommodations.

WEEK END EXCURSION RATES VIA
SOUTHERN RAILWAY. ONE FARE
FOR THE ROUND TRIP TO CHASE
CITY CLAKESVILLE, BUFFALO
LITHIA SPRINGS AND INTERMEDIATE STATIONS.
Tickets on sale Saturday of each week,
good returning until Monday following
date of sale.

#### GO ON THE BEST POPULAR THE POPULAR THE POPULAR THE POPULAR THE BEST POUTE TO NORFOLK, OCEAN VIEW AND VA. BEACH TO-MORROW.

\$1.00 round trip to Norfolk and Ocean View. \$1.25 to Virginia Beach. Quickeet route. No change of cars. Leaves Byrd Street Station 8:30 A. M.

The State Bank of Virginia can furnish you with checks that will be cashed on presentation without personal identification in St. Louis when you go to the Work's Fair.

GERMAN WARSHIPS AT OLD POINT AND NEWPORT NEWS. Take C. & O. \$1.60 Sunday outings to-morrow. Visit the warships at Old Point and Newport News.

CHAPTER XXXIII-Continued. from behind the tents, dragging some one by the collar. The victim of Joseph's violence was off his feet, but still strug-

gling and kicking. Guy Oscard saw the flash of a second Joseph was spitting out wadding and

urnt powder

charged a cartridge,
"Ere, sir," cried Joseph, literally
throwing Durnovo down on the ground
at Oscard's feet, "that man has just shot them poor niggers, so 'elp me

one o' them poor niggers, so 'elp me God!"

Durnovo rose slowly to his feet, as if the shaking had disturbed his faculties.
"And the man hadn't done 'im no harm at all. He's got a gruge against him. I've seen that this last week and more. It's a man as was kinder fond o' me, and we understood each other's lingo. That's it—he was afraid of my 'ear-ing things that mightn't be wholesome for me to know. The man hadn't done no harm. And Durnovo conies up and begins abusing im, and then he strikes im a hadn't done long harm. And Durnovo conies up and begins abusing im, and then he strikes im a hadn't done long things that mightn't be wholesome for me to know. The man hadn't done no harm. And Durnovo conies up and begins abusing im, and then he strikes im a he out with his revolver and shoots 'im down."

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. . ONE OF MERRIMAN'S STRONGEST BOOKS . . Joseph in his face; "of course they expect it. Mr Durnovo."

> know that?" He turned to Oscard. "This man, Mr. Oscard," he said, "is a slave-owner. Them forty that joined at

"Because they're slaves. Think I don't

slave-owner. Them forty that joined at Msala was slaves. He's shot two of 'em now; this is his second. And what does he care?—they're his slaves. Oh, shame on yer!" turning agan to Durnovo; "I wonder God lets yer stand there. I can only think that He doesn't want to dirty His hand by strikin' yer down."

Oscard had taken his pipe from his lips. He looked bigger, somewhat, than ever. His brown face was turning to an ashen color, and there was a dull, steel-like gleam in his blue eyes. The terrible, slow-kindling anger of this Northerner made Durnovo catch his breath. It was

slow-kindling anger of this Northerner made Durnovo catch his breath. It was so different from the sudden passion of his own countrymen.

"Its this true?" he asked.

"It's a lie, of course," answered Durnovo, with a shrug of the shoulders. He moved away as if he were going to his

shoots 'im down."

Durnovo gave an ugly laugh. He had readjusted his disordered dress and was brushing the dirt from his linees.

"Oh don't make a fool of yourself." he why? Cos they're slaves! Fit months at fifty pounds—let them as reckon tot it up for theirselves. This first swind's—and there's others, 'Oh, there's more behind. That m

had the larger half of the men by his side. He had all the finest crop the trees had yet yielded—but he had yet trees had yet yielded-but to reckon with high Heaven. CHAPTER XXXIV AMONG THORNS.

men, whose manhood seemed to have been crushed out of them; and slowly, word by word, their grim story was got out of them. Joseph knew a little of their language, and one of the head fighting men knew a little more, and spoke a dialect known to Oscard. They were slaves, they said at once, but only on Oscard's promise that Durnovo should not be allowed to shoot them. They had been brought from the north by a victorious chief who in turn had handed shem over to Victor Durnovo in payment of an outstanding debt for ammunition supplied.

The great African moon rose in the "We suht our hearts up nowadays, Like some old music-box that plays Unfashionable airs." Sir John Mered'th was sitting stiffly in straight-backed chair by his library fire. In his young days men didn't loll in deep chairs, with their knees higher than their heads. There were no such than their heads. There were no such chairs in this library, just as there was no afternoon tea except for ladies. Sir John Meredith was distressed to observe a great many signs of the degeneration of manhood—which he attributed to the indulgence in afternoon tea. Sir John had lately noticed another degeneration, namely, in the quality of the London gas. So serious was this failing off that he had taken to a lamp in the evening, which lamp stood on the table at his elbow. supplied.

The great African moon rose in the heavens and shone her yellow light upon this group of men. Everhead all was peace; on earth there was no peace. And yet it was one of Heaven's laws that Victor Durnovo had broken.

Guy Oscard went patiently through to the end of it. He found out all that there was to find; and he found out something which surprised him. No one seemed to be horror-struck. The free men stood stolidly looking on, as did the slaves. And this was Africa—the heart of Africa, where, as victor Durnove said, no one knows what is going on. Oscard knew that he could apply no law to Victor Durnove except the great law of humanity. There was nothing to be done; for one individual may not execute the laws of humanity. All were assembled before him—the whole of the great Simiacine Expedition except the leader, whose influence lay over one and all only second to his presence.

"I leave this place at surrise to-morroy." said City Cocerd to them all. "I

bow. Some months earlier—that is to say, about six months after Jack's departure
—Sir John had called casually upon an
optician. He stood upright by the counter, and frowned down on a mild-looking man who were the strongest spectacles made, as if in advertisement of his They tell me," he said, "that you

"They tell me," he said, "that you optic ans make glasses now which are calculated to save the sight in old age,"
"Yes, sir," replied the optician, with wrisgling white fingers. "We make a special study of that. We endeavor to save the sight—to store it up, as it were, in—a middle life, for use in old age. You see, sir, the pupil of the eye—"Sir John held up a warning hand.
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The pupil of the eye is your business, as I understand from the sen above your shop—at all events, it is not mine." he said. "Just give me some glasses to out my sight, and don't worry me with the pupil of the eye."

He turned towards the door, threw back his shoulders, and waited.

"Spectacles, sir?" inquired the man, meekly. "Likewise me-damn it!" put in Jos- the meekly.
"Spectacles sir?" cried Sir John. "No, sir. Spectacles be damned. I was

"I speak as Mr. Meredith himself would have spoken. There is the Simiacine—you can have it. I won't touch it. And now who is going with me—who leaves with me to-morrow morning?"

He moved away from Durnove.
"And who stays with me?" cried the half-breed, "to share and share slike in the Simiacine?"

[Issen] followed Orecard, and with him. And these eye-glasses were affixed to the bridge of Sir John Meredith's nose, as he sat rather stiffly in the straight-

"Oh don't make a fool of yourself," he said, in a hasing voice; "you don't understand these natives at all. The man raised his hand to me. He would have have hilled me if he had had the chance. Shooting was the only thing left to do. You can only hold these men by fear. They expect it."

"Of course they expect it," shouted "Not you!" he went on, laying his hand."

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